



COMUNIDADES DEL SOL

ENGAGEMENT PHASE OUTCOMES

Our team's community engagement efforts over the past several months **reached 6,500 Texans via surveys and 550 attendees at conferences**, enabling us to develop a **solid understanding of diverse communities' energy-related priorities and challenges**.

We identified **4 promising housing authority-owned project sites with 154 individual premises suitable for solar installation**.

We **developed a proposal** responding to identified community priorities and **submitted it to 4 of the state's largest electric utilities with positive initial response, including 2 utilities already agreeing to provide funding** (and 2-3 more expected by early 2025).

TEAM MEMBERS

- **Team Leader - Steve Wiese**, Director of Implementation Services, Frontier Energy, Austin
- **David Ojeda**, Executive Director, and **Sixto Ortega**, Weatherization Director, Community Services Agency of South Texas, Carrizo Springs
- **Alfredo Castaneda**, Executive Director, Carrizo Springs Housing Authority, Carrizo Springs
- **Margo Weisz**, Executive Director, Texas Energy Poverty Research Institute, Austin
- **Patrice Parsons**, Executive Director, Texas Solar Energy Society, Austin
- * **Ross Stephens**, Executive Director, Travis County Health and Human Services Administration, Austin
- * **Tim Harvey**, Customer Renewable Solutions Manager, Austin Energy, Austin
- * **Stefani Case**, Energy Efficiency Manager, Texas-New Mexico Power Company, Lewisville

*New team members this round

Prospective Team Members: AEP Texas, CenterPoint Energy, Cornerstone Community Action Agency, Oncor Electric Delivery

Additional Partners: Solar Power Integrators, Harlingen Community Development Corporation, and Community Council of South Central Texas



EMBARK PHASE CLEAN ENERGY PROJECT

Our next step **expands the Comunidades del Sol model to the state's largest electric utilities**. Austin Energy has committed \$90k to its pilot project, and we have proposed a \$3M, 3-year shared project to AEP Texas, CenterPoint Energy, Oncor Electric Delivery, and TNMP. TNMP will support the program, and we are a few weeks away from discussions and commitments from others. We are confident that 4-5 utilities will participate.

Utility funding and incentives will be used to **develop interest in rooftop solar among housing providers** in wide swaths of Texas and enable the team to **provide technical and project development assistance** to housing providers and weatherization agencies.

Our goal is to complete 100 kW of solar installations in 2025, ramping to 500 kW by 2027.